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SYMINGTON HITS AT 'LEADERLESS DRIFTING' OF U.S.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 10—
The United States must end its
"leaderless drifting" if it is to
meet the challenge of growing
Soviet military and economic
power, United States Senator
Stuart Symington declared in
a campaign address here last
night.

"Any person in this country
willing to face the facts knows
that the Communists are mak-
ing war on us now—today—
using diplomacy, economics,
psychology, subversion — in-
short every known political
and social weapon," he de-
clared.

Symington, Democratic can-
didate for re-election, told a
Buchanan county party rally
that the American people have
been "deceived and lulled into
a false sense of security" be-
cause "bombs are falling" only
in such far-off places as Bel-
rut, Indonesia and Quemoy.

"The Russians have demon-
strated the capacity to meet us
on equal footing in the areas
of our own greatest strength,"
the Missouri Senator said. "Not
only have they outstripped us
in the development of long-
range ballistic missiles, but
they also have made giant
strides toward closing the gaps
in large scale production."

Cites Output Figures.

He said the Central Intelli-
gence Agency reported the
Communists produced more
steel in the first quarter this
year than all the United
States, and that Russia's out-
put of machine tools is double
that of the United States.

"The Russians are tooling up
for the long haul," Symington
continued. "They are investing
in machinery at schools, pre-
paring for the long-range eco-
nomic and social struggle hop-
ing to penetrate and finally
conquer the world."

"Having grown accustomed in the
economic shadows of recession,
we are being advised to have
faith and everything will turn
out all right. But bills passed
by a Democratic Congress to
meet these economic reverses
are vetoed, and in the mean-
time we live millions of man
hours in idleness which can
never be repaid."

"To correct this lag, the elec-
tions of 1958 and 1960 may be
the most important ever held
in our history. Now, if ever, is
the time for leadership. The
American people have had
enough of leaderless drifting."
He predicted the Democratic
party will achieve "the greatest
series of victories" in the Nov.
4 general election by electing
its candidates at all levels of
government.